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ATMs-AT-SEA TO BE FITTED WITH “Y2K” SOLUTIONS

How computers interpret the year 2000 date change, known as the “Y2K” phenomenon, places special requirements on many telecommunications, banking and defense computer systems. The Navy’s Automated Teller Machines (ATMs)-At-Sea system is no exception.

The U.S. Navy awarded a contract to the National Computer Registry (NCR) Government Systems Corporation of Rockville, MD in support of the Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) ATMs-at-Sea system. With 24 ATM-equipped ships already “Y2K” compliant, NAVSUP plans to install a “Y2K” solution on the remaining 120 ships under this contract. NAVSUP is also developing a contingency plan to ensure uninterrupted ATM service for personnel affected by unanticipated ship movements or other potential “Y2K” installation delays.

The ATMs-At-Sea system does away with pay lines and reduces workload in shipboard disbursing offices. The system automates pay delivery on board ships, furnishes sailors with secure storage of their personal funds, and ensures them ready access to these funds 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

NAVSUP’s primary mission is to provide U.S. Naval Forces with quality supplies and services. With headquarters in Mechanicsburg, PA, and employing a worldwide workforce of more than 820 military personnel and approximately 11,000 civilians, NAVSUP oversees logistics programs in the areas of supply operations, contracting, resale, fuel, transportation, security assistance and mobile fleet hospital support. In addition, NAVSUP is responsible for Quality of Life issues for our naval forces, including food service, postal services, Navy Exchanges, and movement of household goods. POC Liz Van Wye, NAVSUP Public Affairs Officer, (717) 605-1543 or DSN 430-1543, [liz_van_wye@navsup.navy.mil].

ACQUISITION REFORM ROADSHOWS

In fiscal years 97 and 98, four AR RoadShow events took place, reaching nearly 2,000 members of the DoN acquisition community. The FY99 Acquisition Reform Office (ARO) RoadShows will continue to focus on:

- ASN(RD&A) outreach to industry by partnering and the involvement of second-tier industry players.
- Flowdown & integration of AR principles/concepts to field and industry
- All aspects of acquisition including re-procurement, services, and non-ACAT I programs

These shows are planned and hosted by Navy/Marine Corps field activities in geographically dispersed areas and encourage participation of local industry and government. The ARO and systems commands help facilitate these shows with speakers, funding and training tools.

Three sites have been identified for FY99: Marine Corps Logistics Base, Albany, GA (November 19, 1998); NAVFAC - Facilities Acquisition, Jacksonville, FL; and Hampton Roads, VA region, MSC/FISC lead (April 1999). ARO still has funding available for at least three more events. POC Dona Lee, DoN ARO, (703) 602-0263, [lee_dona@acq-ref.navy.mil].